

# **MINUTES OF MEETING**

## **RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION**

### **GENERAL AVIATION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, April 7, 2005**

**1:00 p.m.**

**in the Mary Brennan Board Room, T. F. Green Airport, Warwick,  
Rhode Island**

**The meeting of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (“Corporation”) General Aviation Committee was called to order by Chair, Dr. Kathleen Hittner at 1:00 p.m., in the Mary Brennan Board Room, at T. F. Green Airport, Warwick, Rhode Island, in accordance with the notice duly posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Sangster and Michael Traficante.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT: Don Pillsbury (non-voting member).**

**ALSO PRESENT: Jim Rosati, RIAC Board Chair; Jim Forte, RIAC Vice Chairperson; Mark Brewer, President and CEO; William Steinkamp, Sr. VP Ops and Maintenance; Brian Schattle, Sr. VP of Finance and Administration and CFO; Peter Frazier, Chief Legal Counsel; Al Moder, Chief Aeronautics Inspector; Steve Tibbetts, General Manager - Hawthorne Aviation; and those individuals listed on the attendance sheet attached hereto.**

**1. Approval of the Minutes:** Dr. Hittner moved that the minutes of the General Aviation Committee Meeting of Thursday, March 3, 2005, be approved. Mr. Sangster seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**2. Open Forum:** Dr. Hittner invited members of the audience to speak in Open Session. None came forward.

**3. Chair's Report:** There was no report.

**4. Presentation on Quonset Air Museum:**

Mr. Chester A. Browning, President of the Board of Directors for the Quonset Air Museum (QAM) provided an overview of the Quonset Air Museum mission statement of education and entertainment. Mr. Browning reported he is seeking RIAC support for an expansion of the existing museum. Mr. Browning introduced John V. Gibbons, Jr., Chairman of the Quonset Air Museum Board of Directors to the Committee to provide to further information on the proposed expansion and plan to have live classroom instructions, academic research, and flight simulated rides available to guests visiting the Quonset Air Museum. Mr. Browning stated Dimeo Construction has will provide a \$10,000 pre-construction grant to assist with construction costs that would be associated with the proposed expansion and John Shepard, Project Consultant, would assist with

fundraising. Mr. Browning introduced Kenneth J. Filarski, Project Architect, who presented a model of the expansion. Mr. Brewer asked what the cost would be to renovate the museum. Mr. Gibbons reported the approximate cost would be \$20 million dollars. Mr. Browning noted the museum would like to expand to the south and acquire the Mitchell Hangar. Mr. Gibbons summarized by stating they would like to have someone from RIAC assigned to work with them on timeframes so they can raise the money for the expansion privately.

## **5. General Aviation Report:**

Mr. Tibbetts reported that operations at Newport Airport are down due to the closing of Runway 16/34 for a month due to frost. Mr. Tibbetts reported the Aeronautics Department assisted in re-opening Runway 16/34 full time. Mr. Tibbetts reported fuel sales at Quonset Airport have doubled since last year due to now having de-icing capabilities while the operations numbers have decreased due to Quonset Airport having to close several times for snow removal. Mr. Tibbetts reported King Air is flying in daily from Long Island to drop off passengers and are purchasing fuel at North Central Airport daily. Dr. Hittner requested comments on progress at the general aviation airports. Mr. Tibbetts reported the winter months and lack of snow removal equipment had a negative impact on all of the general aviation airports especially Quonset Airport.

## **6. Aeronautics Report:**

**Mr. Moder reported there were no accidents or incidents at any of the general aviation airports. Mr. Moder reported the spot checkers at PVD, Westerly, and North Central are doing a great job, have good record keeping, and are well trained. Mr. Moder noted the VOR has been extended until May 6, 2005. Mr. Moder reported spring cleaning has begun at each of the general aviation airports and the Engineering department at RIAC is working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to bring visual aids to Quonset Airport, Westerly Airport, and Block Island Airport.**

## **7. Discussion Items:**

### **(a) GA Airport CIP/Master Plans.**

**Mr. Mini reviewed the goals of the Master Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Master Plan. Mr. Mini reported there is significant public involvement and the meetings will be advertised in the Providence Journal and the local newspapers.**

### **(b) Update on Commercial Programs.**

**Mr. Cloutier reported there are currently no updates on the commercial programs.**

**(c) Update on General Aviation Fencing and Lighting Program.**

**Mr. Sumner reported a meeting took place with HNTB yesterday to review the fencing projects and a list will be generated next week with the possibility of \$12,000 to be used to add gates at Block Island Airport..**

**Mr. Sangster inquired about holding the next meeting at one of the general aviation airports. Dr. Hittner suggested planning for future travel to one of the airports.**

**8. Future Meetings:**

**The next General Aviation Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2005 at 11:00 a.m., in the Mary Brennan Board Room, at T. F. Green Airport.**

**9. Adjournment: Mr. Sangster moved to adjourn at approximately 2:15 p.m. Dr. Hittner seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.**

**Respectfully submitted**

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**Dr. Kathleen Hittner, Chair**  
**General Aviation Committee of the**  
**Rhode Island Airport Corporation**

**ATTENDANCE SHEET**

**RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION**

**GENERAL AVIATION COMMITTEE**

**April 7, 2005**

**NAME      AFFILIATION**

**Patti Goldstein      RIAC**

**Tim Pimental      RIAC**

**Liberty Luciano      RIAC**

**Alicia Spearing      RIAC**

**Jason Sumner      RIAC**

**Michael Mini    RIAC**

**David Cloutier    RIAC**

**Doug Dansereau    RIAC**

**Dave Edwards    RIAC**

**Steve St. Onge    Hawthorne**

**Chester A. Browning    QAM**

**John V. Gibbons, Jr.    QAM**

**Robert Wilson    QAM**

**Kenneth J. Filarski, FAIA,AICP    QAM**

**John Shepard    QAM**

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION  
OF THE RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION  
GENERAL AVIATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 3, 2005**

**1. At approximately 11:40 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Sangster and seconded by Ms. Hittner to go into Executive Session. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**2. Committee members and corporation personnel discussed development of the outline of the General Aviation (GA) airports.**

**3. This issue will be discussed in further detail at the next Board of Directors meeting.**

**At approximately 12:24 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Sangster to return to the Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hittner. By the following roll call vote the motion was passed unanimously.**

**YEAS: Kathleen Hittner**

**Bob Sangster**

**NAYS: None**

**Respectfully submitted**

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**Kathleen Hittner, Chair**

**General Aviation Committee of the  
Rhode Island Airport Corporation**